

**PAWTUCKET CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION  
MEETING**

**April 20, 2010**

**A meeting of the Pawtucket Charter Review Commission is held Tuesday, April 20, 2010, at 6:00 p.m., in the Room LL7, Pawtucket City Hall, 137 Roosevelt Avenue, Pawtucket, RI.**

**Present – Chairperson Tavares, Commissioners Babiec, Brissette, Butler, Hovarth, McGill, McKittrick, Plitt, Sawyer, Spinola, and Tirrell.**

**Absent – None.**

**Chairperson Tavares presides.**

**The meeting is called to order at 6:02 p.m.**

**There is no public input offered at this meeting.**

**The Commission Takes up the following:**

**Discussion and final vote on proposed revisions to Pawtucket City Charter.**

**Issues Presented for Final Vote:      Vote:**

**Should the City Charter be amended to require  
that Commissioner: Yes: No: members of the School Committee be  
appointed rather  
than elected?      Tavares (chair) x**

**Babiec      x**

**Brissette      x**

**Butler      x**

**Hovarth      x**

**McGill      x**

**McKittrick      x**

**Plitt      x**

**Sawyer      x**

**Spinola      x**

**Tirrell      \_      x**

**TOTAL VOTE:      5      6**

**Item will not be recommended to the City Council.**

**Should the City Charter allow for 4 year terms for the Tavares  
(chair) x**

**Mayor?      Babiec      x**

**Brissette x**

**Butler x**

**Commissioner: Yes: No:**

**Hovarth x**

**McGill x**

**McKittrick x**

**Plitt x**

**Sawyer x**

**Spinola x**

**Tirrell x**

**TOTAL VOTE: 7 4**

**Item will be recommended to the City Council.**

**Should the City Charter limit the Mayor to two four-year Tavares  
(chair) x**

**Terms of office? Babiec x**

**Brissette x**

**Butler x**

**Hovarth x**

**McGill     x**

**McKittrick x**

**Plitt   x**

**Sawyer     x**

**Spinola x**

**Tirrell    \_\_\_   x**

**TOTAL VOTE:       6   5**

**Item will be recommended to the City Council.**

**Should the provisions in the City Charter regulating Tavares  
(chair) x**

**campaign contributions and reporting be deleted? Babiec   x**

**Brissette x**

**Butler   x**

**Hovarth x**

**McGill   x**

**McKittrick x**

**Plitt   x**

**Sawyer   x**

**Spinola x**

**Tirrell   x    \_\_\_**

**TOTAL VOTE:       11   0**

**Item will be recommended to the City Council.**

**Should Judges of the Probate Court and Municipal Court Commissioner: Yes: No:**

**be required to be qualified electors of the City and should all Judges be appointed by the City Council? Tavares (chair) x**

**Babiec x**

**Brissette x**

**Butler x**

**Hovarth Abstain**

**McGill Abstain**

**McKittrick x**

**Plitt x**

**Sawyer x**

**Spinola x**

**Tirrell x\_ \_**

**TOTAL VOTE: 7 2**

**Item will be recommended to the City Council.**

**Should the City Charter continue to require that an Tavares (chair) x**

auditing firm that contracts to perform the annual audit Babiec x  
can do so for no more than three consecutive years Brissette x  
and may not enter into a new contract to provide these Butler x  
same services for the City until a lapse of three years? Hovarth x  
(This is a vote to preserve the status quo.) McGill x

McKittrick x

Plitt x

Sawyer x

Spinola x

Tirrell x \_\_\_\_

**TOTAL VOTE: 11 0**

**No recommendation for change will be made to the City Council.**

When the Mayor submits the proposed budget to Tavares (chair) x  
The City Council, should the amount required for Babiec x  
a separate appropriation request and anticipated Brissette x  
revenue line item in the be increased from Butler x  
\$100.00 to \$500.00? Hovarth x

McGill x

McKittrick x

Plitt x

Sawyer x

Spinola x

Tirrell x \_\_\_\_

**TOTAL VOTE:      3   8**

**Item will not be recommended to the City Council.**

**Should      the      City      Charter      be      revised      to  
require   Commissioner: Yes: No:  
that the capital program and capital budget be  
submitted every other year instead of annually? Tavares (chair) x**

**Babiec   x**

**Brissette   x**

**Butler   x**

**Hovarth   x**

**McGill   x**

**McKittrick   x**

**Plitt   x**

**Sawyer   x**

**Spinola   x**

**Tirrell   \_\_ x\_\_**

**TOTAL VOTE:      0 11**

**Item will not be recommended to the City Council.**

**Should the City Charter be revised to permit the   Tavares (chair) x  
Finance Department to submit monthly reports Babiec   x**

**“after completion”, rather than require their submission Brissette x**  
**by the 15th of each month? Butler x**

**Hovarth x**

**McGill x**

**McKittrick x**

**Plitt x**

**Sawyer x**

**Spinola x**

**Tirrell \_\_\_ x\_**

**TOTAL VOTE: 0 11**

**Item will not be recommended to the City Council.**

**Should the City Charter be revised remove the Tavares (chair) x**  
**limitation that only qualified electors are entitled Babiec x**  
**to inspect any proposed ordinance or resolution? Brissette x**

**Butler x**

**Hovarth x**

**McGill x**

**McKittrick x**

**Plitt x**

**Sawyer x**

**Spinola x**

**Tirrell x\_ \_\_**



**TOTAL VOTE: 10 1**

**Item will be recommended to the City Council.**

**Should provisions be added to the City Charter**

**Commissioner: Yes: No:**

**to enhance public access to government information**

**by requiring electronic publication of financial reports Tavares  
(chair) x**

**and ordinances and should the anticipated vacancies on Babiec x**

**City board and commissions be published annually? Brissette x**

**Hovarth x**

**McGill x**

**McKittrick x**

**Plitt x**

**Sawyer x**

**Spinola x**

**Tirrell x\_ \_**

**TOTAL VOTE: 11 0**

**Item will be recommended to the City Council.**

**Should all members of City Boards and Commissions Tavares  
(chair) x**

**be required to be qualified electors of the City? Babiec x**

**Brissette x**

**Butler x**

**Hovarth x**

**McGill x**

**McKittrick x**

**Plitt x**

**Sawyer x**

**Spinola x**

**Tirrell x\_ \_**

**TOTAL VOTE: 7 4**

**Item will be recommended to the City Council.**

**Should members of City Boards and Commissions be Tavares  
(chair) x**

**allowed to serve only a limited number of terms? Babiec x**

**Brissette x**

**Butler x**

**Hovarth x**

**McGill x**

**McKittrick x**

**Plitt x**

**Sawyer x**

**Spinola x**

**Tirrell x\_ \_\_\_\_**

**TOTAL VOTE: 9 2**

**Item will be recommended to the City Council.**

**Should members of City Council be prohibited from  
Commissioner: Yes: No:**

**serving on the Water Supply Board and Purchasing  
Board? Tavares (chair) x**

**Babiec x**

**Brissette x**

**Butler x**

**Hovarth x**

**McGill x**

**McKittrick Abstain**

**Plitt x**

**Sawyer x**

**Spinola x**

**Tirrell x\_ \_\_\_\_**

**TOTAL VOTE: 9 1**

**Item will be recommended to the City Council.**

**The meeting is adjourned at 8:42 p.m.**

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**Margaret-Mary Belliveau Hovarth, Secretary**